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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

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Documents A1-A6 were cited in the International Search Report in Applicants' International Application PCT/JP02/13833. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

An English translation of foreign-language document A1 is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). An English language abstract is provided for document A1. An English language translation is provided for document A2.

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